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Art Unit 1636

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/438,358; Filed: November 12, 1999  
For: **Compositions and Methods for Recombinational Cloning of Nucleic Acid Molecules**  
Inventors: GERARD *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4640001/RWE/BJD

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3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	930.00
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1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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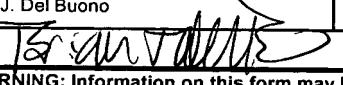
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